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The city's furloughs are not fair

Manhattan: The New York City Managerial Employees Association strongly objects to Mayor de Blasio's unilateral imposition of five furlough days for all 9,000 non-unionized mayoral agency employees and the similar actions of the non-mayoral agencies leadership.

The 16,000 City Managers work without overtime compensation and often six or seven days a week. Most are on call 24/7, even while on vacation or furlough. Many of these same managers worked and will continue to work as first responders during the coronavirus pandemic. Annual income for managers is often less than their immediate subordinates.

Instead of reducing or eliminating costly consultant contracts or the numerous offices created by this administration, all career city managers, many of whom are career civil servants, are being singled out to lose on average over \$2,000 in salary over a five-month period.

Any and all cost reduction measures that are taken to close the deficit caused by the coronavirus and the Federal government's inadequate response should be shared equally by all city employees, regardless of union status. This should be done as a last resort after all other options have been explored.

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